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## Summer 2009 SRTS Program Tracking Brief

*The Quarterly SRTS Program Tracking Brief is prepared by the National Center for Safe Routes to School to provide information about State SRTS programs. Each quarter, a snapshot and brief analysis of a key trend across all State programs is presented. It also provides a tracking table summarizing key attributes from all programs.*

### Summer 2009 Snapshot: SRTS Shows Consistent Growth

The National Safe Routes to School Program continued to grow during the second quarter (April - June) of 2009 as measured by the funding amounts announced during the quarter and progression by states through their application funding cycles. For the quarter, \$39.4 million in SRTS spending was announced and brings the total funding states have announced to \$394.6 million,<sup>1,2</sup> which is approximately 66% of the \$596 million available to states. State Safe Routes to School Programs<sup>3</sup> have announced SRTS funds that benefit 5,462<sup>4</sup> schools or local programs, up 238 from the previous quarter.

At the end of the second quarter, 39 percent of states had made awards for their third, fourth or fifth funding cycles or had a rolling application process, which represents an 8 percent increase over the previous quarter. Additionally, 33 percent of states had awarded funds for their second application cycle. All states and D.C. have now announced funding awards for one or more application cycles.

Demand for the SRTS program remains solid as evident by the number of applications states have received and the amount requested by those applicants. Through June 30, 2009, states have received 7,328 program applications with 39 percent<sup>5</sup> of those being selected for funding. This 39 percent is a slight increase compared to the 37 percent reported for the last quarter 08 and first quarter 09. However, the percent of states funding fewer than 60 percent of the applications they received grew to 60 percent (30 of 50 states), up slightly from 57 percent in each of the previous two quarters. Collectively, states continue to supply approximately 28 percent of \$1.3 billion in funds requested for local and statewide SRTS activities.<sup>6</sup>

### Key Points

- States announced \$39.4 million in funding for local and/or statewide SRTS programs during the quarter.
- Approximately \$394.6 million has been spent or committed for SRTS programs.<sup>1,2</sup>
- At least 5,462 schools are participating in state-funded SRTS programs.<sup>4</sup>
- Collectively, states continue to fund 28%<sup>6</sup> of the \$1.3 billion in SRTS funding requests received.

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<sup>1</sup> This amount reflects the funding announced based on the funding amounts appropriated to each state under the current federal SRTS legislation.

<sup>2</sup> The spending figure does not include state-level program administration costs, such as salaries for State Coordinators, office expenses, printing, travel, etc.

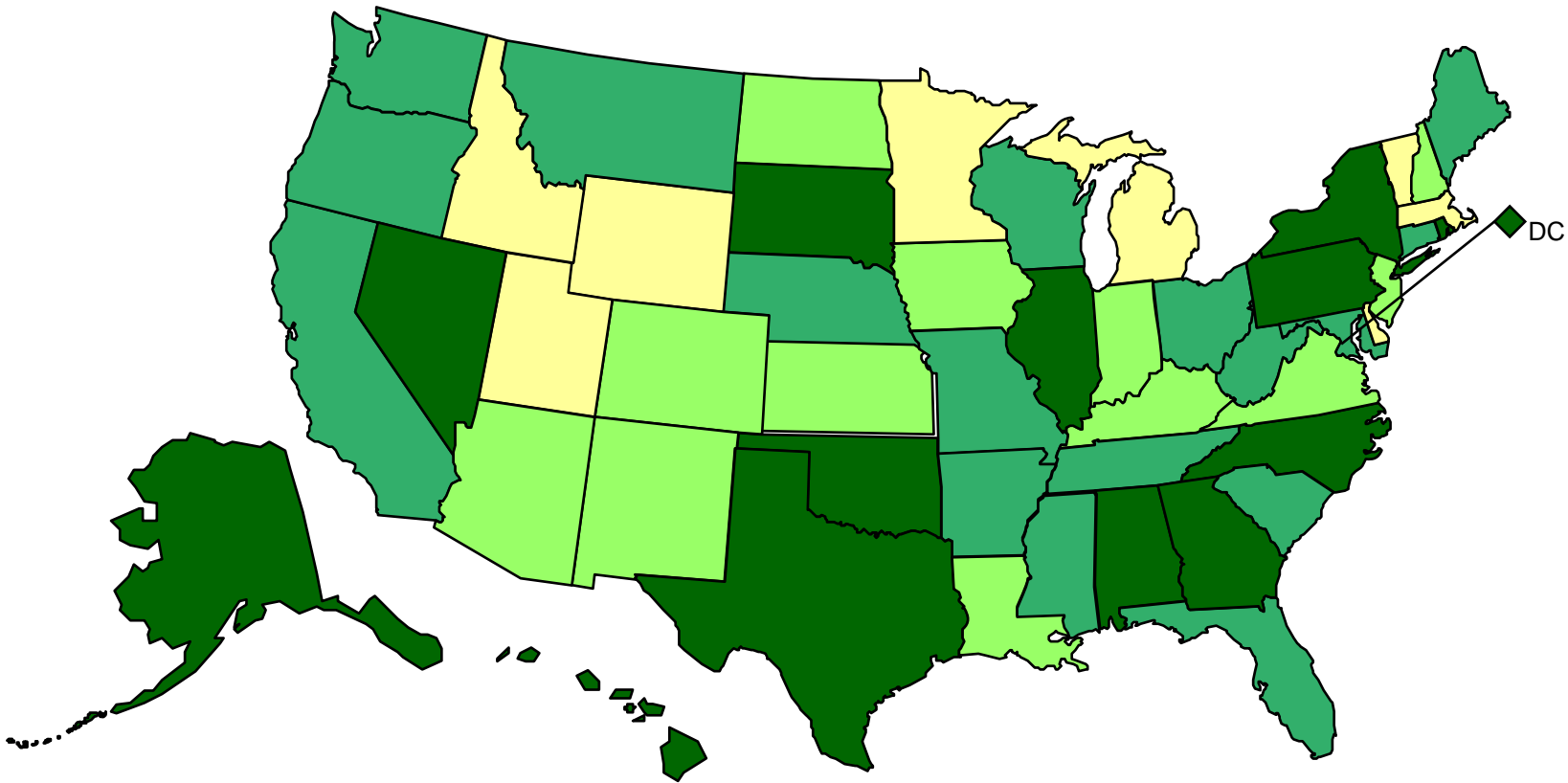
<sup>3</sup> For the purposes of this tracking report, the District of Columbia is treated as a state, because it receives funds and is subject to the same program requirements and restrictions as states.

<sup>4</sup> This number is a conservative estimate because states can report the number of schools or number of programs that received SRTS funds or state-funded SRTS activities. For states that report the number of local programs funded, those programs may involve numerous schools.

<sup>5</sup> These numbers only include states where both the number of applications received and selected were reported.

<sup>6</sup> These numbers only includes states where both the amount of funding request and amount awarded was known and reported. The Spring 2009 Tracking Brief reported funding requests of \$1.3 billion and together states supplied 25 percent of the funds requested. Due to a recording error in the amount of funding actually requested this 25 percent should have been 28 percent, which is similar to the 28 percent calculated for the Summer 2009 quarter.

# Safe Routes to School: Application Funding Cycles Completed by State Programs *(as of June 30, 2009)*



State Funding Cycle Status Funding awards made for:	Percent of States (number)
4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> or Rolling cycle	15.7% (8)
3 <sup>rd</sup> cycle	23.5% (12)
2 <sup>nd</sup> cycle	33.3% (17)
1 <sup>st</sup> cycle	27.5% (14)

## Safe Routes to School State Program Status Table – March 1 to June 30, 2009

State	SRTS Application Status <sup>1</sup> [Cycle]	SRTS Funded Schools/ Programs <sup>2</sup>	Funding Announced <sup>3</sup>	Statewide Spending <sup>4</sup>	Percent of funds awarded based on funds requested [\$ millions] <sup>5</sup>	Percent of Applications Selected <sup>6</sup>
Alabama	C [2nd]	55	\$4,887,771	\$415,000	74% [\$7.2]	70% [26/37]
Alaska	O [4th]	9	\$715,851	N/A	N/A	100% [6/6]
Arizona	A [3rd]	66	\$3,700,000	N/A	33% [\$11.3]	39% [46/118]
Arkansas	A [2nd]	47	\$3,907,235	\$192,105	41% [\$10.0]	56% [50/90]
California	A [2nd]	219	\$87,039,750 <sup>7</sup>	\$3,882,076	25% [\$269.0]	27% [219/806] <sup>8</sup>
Colorado	C [4th]	218	\$6,376,613	\$1,454,811	39% [\$20.0]	46% [82/177]
Connecticut	O [3rd]	13	\$2,300,000	\$319,000	35% [\$7.4]	27% [8/30]
Delaware	O [Rolling]	23	\$977,850	\$138,559	N/A <sup>9</sup>	100% [23/23] <sup>9</sup>
District of Columbia	A [1st]	13	\$466,000	\$2,348,745	N/A <sup>10</sup>	100% [13/13]
Florida	C [3rd]	981	\$43,587,599 <sup>11</sup>	\$321,426	N/A	N/A [237/N/A] <sup>12</sup>
Georgia	A [1st]	25	\$4,978,979	\$4,000	22% [23.0]	20% [13/65]
Hawaii	P [2nd]	5	\$363,246	\$185,887	42% [\$1.3]	46% [5/11]
Idaho	A [5th]	150	\$4,332,834	\$200,000	69% [\$6.5]	68% [91/133]
Illinois	C [2nd]	113	\$8,337,721	N/A	8% [\$105.6]	11% [113/1044] <sup>13</sup>
Indiana	C [4th]	112	\$6,930,143 <sup>14</sup>	N/A	28% [\$24.4] <sup>15</sup>	31% [47/151] <sup>16</sup>
Iowa	C [4th]	52	\$4,870,011	\$494,697	17% [\$30.9]	27% [59/215]
Kansas	A [3rd]	55	\$4,562,719	N/A	34% [\$13.5]	40% [42/105] <sup>17</sup>
Kentucky	C [4th]	93	\$5,953,958	N/A	18% [\$8.1] <sup>18</sup>	18% [9/50] <sup>18</sup>
Louisiana	A [3rd]	45	\$6,559,143	\$143,200	60% [\$11.1]	62% [32/52]
Maine	A [2nd]	33	\$4,000,000	\$260,000	39% [\$11.0]	49% [33/68]
Maryland	C [3rd]	182	\$8,718,700	\$93,220	56% [\$15.9]	79% [49/62]
Massachusetts	O [Rolling]	230 <sup>19</sup>	N/A <sup>19</sup>	\$1,747,620 <sup>20</sup>	N/A <sup>19</sup>	100% [230/230] <sup>19</sup>
Michigan	O [Rolling]	51	\$10,387,451	\$3,602,938	51% [\$27.2]	63% [51/81]
Minnesota	A [4th]	115	\$7,300,000	\$217,000	9% [\$81.0]	23% [92/400]
Mississippi	P [3rd]	68	\$5,969,597	\$277,257	34% [\$18.5]	52% [34/65]
Missouri	A [2nd]	156	\$8,662,059	\$332,162	24% [\$37.7]	43% [100/230]
Montana	C [3rd]	26	\$1,270,090	N/A	55% [\$2.3]	61% [33/54]
Nebraska	C [3rd]	64	\$3,958,259	\$228,344	18% [23.7]	20% [46/234]
Nevada	O [2nd]	6	\$1,594,971	N/A	27% [\$5.9]	92% [11/12]
New Hampshire	A [3rd]	55	\$2,336,677	\$6,000	68% [\$3.4]	80% [45/56]
New Jersey	A [3rd]	98	\$13,570,160	\$775,740	12% [\$120.0]	19% [104/537]
New Mexico	A [3rd]	44	\$645,981	\$361,281	60% [\$0.7] <sup>21</sup>	74% [25/34]
New York	A [1st]	181	\$27,499,133	N/A	47% [\$58.3]	40% [70/176]
North Carolina	C [2nd]	65	\$2,067,000	N/A	59% [\$3.5]	56% [27/48]
North Dakota	A [3rd]	129	\$3,218,492	N/A	23% [\$13.9]	26% [35/136]
Ohio	A [2nd]	338	\$8,592,150	N/A	77% [\$11.2]	91% [184/203]
Oklahoma	O [2nd]	38	\$3,047,000	\$302,658	47% [\$7.2]	48% [19/40]
Oregon	C [3rd]	68	\$2,330,206	\$263,169	85% [\$3.1]	80% [36/45]
Pennsylvania	A [1st]	46	\$16,781,086	\$2,037,282	34% [\$56.0]	37% [41/112]
Rhode Island	A [1st]	35	\$1,868,789	N/A	25% [\$7.6]	39% [13/33]
South Carolina	A [2nd]	26	\$5,000,000	\$152,000	47% [\$11.0]	45% [25/55]
South Dakota	C [2nd]	14	\$702,258	N/A	39% [\$1.8]	83% [5/6]
Tennessee	C [3rd]	55	\$6,185,850	N/A	31% [\$19.8]	31% [36/115]
Texas	P [2nd]	525	\$24,678,953	\$939,830	37% [\$69.0]	68% [244/360]
Utah	A [4th]	46	\$5,300,000	\$968,611	46% [\$13.8]	57% [58/102]
Vermont	A [4th]	60	\$2,593,661	\$87,000	50% [\$5.4]	61% [63/104]
Virginia	O [4th]	21	\$5,839,126	\$64,500	42% [\$14.2]	67% [50/75]
Washington	C [3rd]	32	\$10,517,000	N/A	22% [\$47.0]	22% [32/143]
West Virginia	C [3rd]	41	\$2,879,170	N/A	60% [\$4.8]	50% [31/62]
Wisconsin	A [2nd]	250	\$6,910,779	\$20,000	21% [\$32.6]	29% [82/282]
Wyoming	A [5th]	48	\$4,608,053	\$53,000	64% [\$7.2]	90% [38/45]
<b>Total</b>		<b>Approx 5,462</b>	<b>\$371,672,492<sup>22</sup></b>	<b>\$22,889,118</b>	<b>28% [\$1,285.8]<sup>23</sup></b>	<b>39% [2,826/7,328]<sup>24</sup></b>

## Detailed Notes and Comments:

<sup>1</sup> **SRTS Application Status** options include [Brackets indicate the funding cycle]:

- P = Preparation: The State SRTS Program is in the process of developing the application, review and/or selection process for the next funding cycle/round they will conduct.
- O = Open: The State SRTS Program has opened its application process. Brackets indicate the funding cycle.
- C = Closed: Applications for SRTS programs have closed, and the State SRTS Program is reviewing applications and will next announce selected funding recipients. Brackets indicate the funding cycle.
- A = Awarded: The State has completed an application process, and has announced the recipients that will be funded for that round. In some instances, local programs have already received funds.

<sup>2</sup> **SRTS Funded Schools or Programs:** shows the number of schools in the State that are receiving SRTS funds or state-funded SRTS activities. If the number of schools is not known, the number of SRTS programs is used. This number will usually be an estimate, because many funding recipients will conduct programs in numerous schools. Fund awards are typically made through a competitive process, but in some instances the State may directly select local programs to fund.

<sup>3</sup> **Funding Announced** includes the amounts that State SRTS Programs have announced they will spend on specific local SRTS projects or programs. This does not identify funds that have actually been dispersed. It also does not include the amounts that a State has committed to making available through its application process.

<sup>4</sup> **Statewide Spending** includes funds that State SRTS Programs have announced they will spend on statewide SRTS activities. These are typically funds provided to statewide organizations or agencies that will conduct SRTS-related encouragement, education, enforcement, or training. These are funds that are directly intended to reach target audiences; the category does not include State SRTS Program administrative costs, such as Coordinator salary, office expenses, travel, printing, etc.

<sup>5</sup> **Percent of funds awarded based on funds requested** shows the percentage of SRTS funds each state has announced relative to the total dollar amount of SRTS funds requested, which is shown in [brackets]. The percentage is calculated by summing the values in the table's Funding Announced and Statewide Spending columns and dividing by the number that appears in [brackets] in this column.

<sup>6</sup> **Percent of Applications Selected** provides the state by state percentage of applications selected to receive funding and [*Number of Applications Selected divided by Number of Applications Received*] displays counts of the number of applications requesting National SRTS Program funding and the number of applications selected to receive funding. The numbers presented only include application numbers for funding cycle(s) that have been closed and funds announced. A difference may exist between the Number of Applications Selected and the number of Schools Receiving SRTS because applications can contain activities and projects that encompass multiple schools.

<sup>7</sup> California has announced funding for the entire amount (\$67.5M) it received under the SAFETEA-LU federal legislation. The \$87M reported on the tracking report included this \$67.5M plus funds they anticipate receiving for FY 2010.

<sup>8</sup> This percentage and number of applications selected are based on the \$87.5M California awarded rather than the number of applications selected if they had awarded \$67.5M.

<sup>9</sup> Delaware usually receives two requests per school: One request for planning followed later by a formal application for implementation. Therefore there is no requested funding amount to report. The application numbers reflect all programs including those requesting initial planning assistance.

<sup>10</sup> D.C offers planning assistance and SRTS activities but there is no requested funding amount to report.

<sup>11</sup> Florida has announced funding for the entire amount (\$29.1M) it received under the SAFETEA-LU federal legislation. The \$43.6M reported includes the \$29.1M plus expected funds they have programmed through FY 2013.

<sup>12</sup> The total number of applications received is unknown. Florida has a decentralized application process that allows each Florida DOT District to receive and review the applications from their district. The Districts forward only the selected applications to DOT headquarters for approval.

<sup>13</sup> Illinois can select individual projects/activities listed within an application so their selection process involved reviewing 298 applications containing 1044 project/activities of which they selected 113 projects/activities to fund.

<sup>14</sup> This amount includes the cancellation of 2 local program from IN's previous funding cycles.

<sup>15</sup> The \$24.4M includes 2 project applications subsequently withdrawn and the amount requested during Indiana's special call for non-infrastructure applications during Oct. and Nov. of 2008.

<sup>16</sup> The 151 number accounts for the cancellation of 2 local programs from the 2006 and 2007 funding cycles.

<sup>17</sup> Number does not reflect the total number of applications received or selected for each of that state's funding cycles.

<sup>18</sup> The calculated percentage and funding requested only include requested and funded amounts since 2008.

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<sup>19</sup> Massachusetts' SRTS program is currently conducting education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation activities at 230 schools. Thirty-five of these schools have also been selected for infrastructure assessments. The State announced its SRTS program and then selected these initial participating schools based on criteria to ensure distribution between different populations, parts of the state, and urban, rural, and suburban locations.

<sup>20</sup> Beginning with the second quarter of 2009, Massachusetts funds reflect actual expenditures.

<sup>21</sup> The percentage and amount of funding does not include funds the NM SRTS Program is using for a 2 year pilot program in the state nor does it include funds used for SRTS engineering assistance available to all funded communities.

<sup>22</sup> Although the Funding Announced column values for California, Florida and Utah display \$87.0M, \$43.6M, \$5.3M respectively, this total for all states does not include the funds California, Florida and Utah announced beyond the amounts apportioned to those states (\$67,618,011, \$29,116,392 and \$6,137,904 respectively) through the current SAFETEA-LU legislation. The California, Florida and Utah dollar values used to calculate the total equals those states' apportioned amount minus their statewide spending.

<sup>23</sup> This percentage only includes states where the funding announced, statewide spending, and the amount of funding requested were known and provided. The cumulative dollar amount of requested funds shown on this Brief is less than the \$1,297.1M that appeared on the Spring 2009 Tracking Brief. The reduction was necessary due to a calculation error reported on the previous quarter's Tracking Brief.

<sup>24</sup> Total only includes number of applications received and selected for funding cycles where the number of applications received and number of applications selected were known.